Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.   (*Currently Amended*) A method for reconciling financial transactions, comprising:

transmitting a standardized template for entering financial data to a plurality of remote terminals, the standardized template operable on a plurality of operating systems;

receiving remote financial data from the plurality of remote terminals via the standardized template;

matching the remote financial data to master financial data; data,

wherein the master financial data is stored in a first format and at least one of the remote terminals stores remote financial data in a second format, and

wherein the standardized template is configured to convert the remote financial data from the second format to the first format;

identifying an un-reconciled amount based on said matching; and

generating a report including the un-reconciled amount.

2.   (*Original*) The method of claim 1, wherein at least two of the remote terminals use different operating systems.

3.   (*Original*) The method of claim 1, wherein at least two of the remote terminals use different accounting software applications.

4-5.   (*Canceled*)

6.   (*Original*) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

        updating a balance sheet based on the un-reconciled amount.

7.   (*Original*) The method of claim 1, said remote financial data including a transaction involving an account, and said master financial data including a balance due for the account.

8.   (*Previously Presented*) The method of claim 1, said standardized template comprising:

        an operating system and application independent format.

9.   (*Original*) The method of claim 1, said receiving further comprising:

        scheduling a time for said receiving with the remote terminals.

10.   (*Canceled*)

11.   (*Original*) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

        transmitting, to the remote terminals, a plurality of functions for generating customized templates for entering financial data.

12.   (*Original*) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

        maintaining identification data of users authorized to enter the remote financial data.

13.   (*Previously Presented*) A method for reconciling financial accounts, comprising:

receiving transaction data from a remote terminal via a standardized template,

the transaction data stored in a first format by the remote terminal and

converted to a standardized format by the standardized template;

reconciling a financial account corresponding to the transaction using master

financial data stored in the standardized format;

identifying an un-reconciled amount corresponding to the transaction based on

said reconciling; and

reporting the un-reconciled amount to the remote terminal.

14.   (*Original*) The method of claim 13, said receiving further comprising:

receiving the transaction data at a scheduled time.

15.   (*Original*) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

receiving the transaction data during a time of the transaction.

16.   (*Original*) A method for reconciling account and transaction data, comprising:

storing transaction data in a first format;

converting the stored transaction data to a second format using a standardized

template, the standardized template operable on a plurality of operating

systems and operable to retrieve stored transaction data from a plurality of

accounting software applications;

transmitting the converted transaction data in the second format to a

reconciliation system; and

receiving a reconciliation report from the reconciliation system in response to

said transmitting.

17.   (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing

instructions for directing a processor to reconcile financial data, comprising:

a template component for providing a standardized template for entering

transaction and account data;

a master component for storing master financial data for a plurality of

accounts;

a capture component for receiving and storing account and transaction data via

the standardized template from a plurality of remote terminals, the

transaction data stored in a first format by at least one of the plurality of

remote terminals and converted to a standardized format by the

standardized template;

a matching component for matching the account and transaction data with the

master financial data;

a clearance component for identifying un-reconciled accounts and transactions

based on the account and transaction data; and

an account component for reporting the account and transaction data.

18.   (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further comprising:

   a schedule component for scheduling reconciliations with the remote

     terminals.

19.   (*Canceled*)

20.   (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, the template component further comprising:

   a plurality of functions for generating customized templates.

21.   (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further comprising:

   a user maintenance component for maintaining identification data of

     authorized users.

22.   (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further comprising:

   a review component for reviewing uploaded account and transaction data.

23.   (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further comprising:

   a login component for recognizing a user.

24. (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, wherein each of said components comprise programming instructions that may be implemented by a plurality of computer operating systems.

25. (*Previously Presented*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, wherein each of said components comprise operating system and application independent programming instructions.